

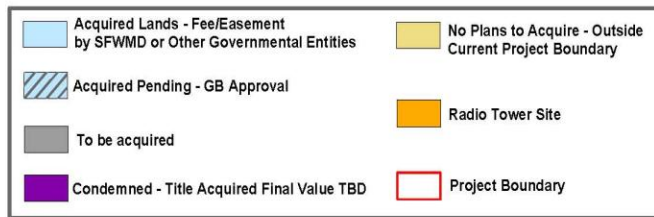
# **Project and Lands Committee**

## **#5 Proposed Acquisition of Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) Tracts and Status Update on CREW Project**

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# CRITICAL CREW

as of 9/2/2010



# **Southern CREW Critical Project**

**92% Acquired!**

**Total Project Area – 4,111.43 acres**

**Acres Acquired – 3,780.12**

## **Pending Acquisition**

**Acreage: 191.12 (two tracts)**

**Proposed Land Settlement: \$3,828,890**

**Acquisition at 26% over Appraised Value**

## **Benefits of Acquisition**

- **Connects eastern/western areas**
- **Allows uninterrupted sheet flow over northern halves of 32, 33 & 34**
- **Assist in restoring 900 acres**
- **Enables planning to proceed in single phase**
- **Avoids condemnation and potential mining claim**

## **Remaining Tracts**

**Acquisitions – 70.97 acres**

**10 tracts/6 owners**

**Engineering fix – 69 acres**

**Radio Tower**

# **#7 Proposed Revisions to Section 140-10, Administration of Agricultural Lease Policy**

## **Proposed Revision to Agricultural Lease Policy**

**SFWMD Primary Agricultural lease is for  
cattle grazing**

**Approximately 68,600 acres are currently  
under lease**

**Typically, leases are 5 year duration with 5  
year extensions if lessee is in good  
standing and land not needed for project**

**Currently, SFWMD Policy requires market  
rent be determined by appraisal at 1<sup>st</sup> and  
4<sup>th</sup> year**



## Proposed Revision

**Market rent determined by appraisal at initiation of lease and prior to each renewal term**

**Intervening years will have adjustments in accordance with CPI or appropriate agricultural commodity index (USDA-ALS)**

**Lease also require lessee's cooperation in SFWMD Dispersed Water Management Program**

# **#8 Proposed Clarification of Surplus Lands Process**

# **Proposed Revision to Surplus Land Procedure**

**In 2010, SFWMD established a procedure for  
annual review of proposed surplus lands**

## **Presentation and Approval**

- **WRAC Sub-committee**
- **Project and Lands Committee**
- **Governing Board**

## Proposed Revision

**Right-of-way enforcement cases less than 3 acres exempt from surplus procedure**

**Approximately 20 cases per year**

**Still require Governing Board approval**